

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-layer hose, comprising:
an opaque, extrudable first layer;
at least one opaque, extrudable second layer connected to the first layer; and
at least one marking section comprising at least one character and/or number,
the marking sections are provided in longitudinally spaced relationship with one
another in a recurring mode of arrangement, the marking section being arranged
between the first layer and the at least one second layer and adapted to be read
making use of X rays.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 1,
wherein at least one of the first layer and the at least one second layer is made of an
elastomer.
4. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 3,
wherein the elastomer is a rubber.

5. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 4, wherein the rubber is an ethylene acrylate rubber.

6. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 1, wherein the marking section is formed by an ink.

7. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 6, wherein the ink contains an iodine compound.

8. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 7, wherein the iodine compound is iopamidole.

9. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 7, wherein the ink contains potassium iodide.

10. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 6, wherein the ink contains potassium bromide.

11. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 6, wherein the ink is applicable to the hose by means of a printer.

12. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 11, wherein the printer is an ink-jet printer.

13. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 11, wherein the printer is a tampon printer.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a multi-layer hose, comprising: extruding an opaque first layer; then applying marking sections on the first layer, wherein the marking sections are adapted to be read making use of X rays; and then extruding at least one opaque second layer on top of the marking sections.

16. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein an adhesion promoter is applied between the first layer and the at least one second layer.

17. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein the marking sections are applied by printing onto the first layer.

18. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein the marking sections extend in the longitudinal direction of the hose.

19. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 1, wherein the at least one marking section comprises a date or a production number.

20. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 1,
wherein the at least one marking section indicates a material.